The Pocahontas Times.

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Scots,
Frae Maidenkirk to Johnny Groats,
If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rede ye tent it;
A chiel's amang you takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it. — Burns

Local Events.

Paul Golden bought 5602 lbs of poultry on his poultry day this week.

W. McClintic came in from his camp last Wednesday in a five inch snow. He crossed the fresh trail of seven deer.

Colonel Grews, of the British army, has arrived at Mingo, being brought by his son's death. It is his second visit to Mingo.

Sacramental services at Huntersville next Sunday, December 11, at 11 A. M. Preparatory services Saturday night before by W. T. Price.

The Mt Pleasant singing class will give a sacred concert at Mt Pleasant next Sunday, at 1 P. M. Every one is invited to be present.

Dr Lambert, who has recently located at Huntersville, comes here from Pendleton County. He has been practising for six years. His family will not come until spring.

The Marlinton Lodge of I. O. O. F. requests a full attendance of members next lodge night, as arrangements will be made at that time for a banquet to be given some time during the holidays.

The Marlinton and Frost football teams will play a match game at Marlinton next Saturday, provided the day is suitable. Everybody come out to see the game. Grand stand free; rail-fence seats reserved.

Paris D. Yeager, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, writes for some chestnut burrs and buckeyes which pass as curiosities in his State. He has sent home the mounted head of his first antelope. He shot it recently hitting it four shots out of five.

Bernard Slaven and Miss Annie Hiner, of Monterey, were married last week. They will go to housekeeping soon in the house lately vacated by William Siple. Mr Slaven has moved his tinnershop from Academy, which will prove quite an addition to our town.

ACADEMY, Nov. 25,—I have sold my interest in the tinner's outfit to my partner, Mr R. B. Slaven, and all persons in debt to the late firm of Silling and Slaven will come for ward and settle their accounts with Mr R. B. Slaven, at Marlinton, W. Va. *Yours respectfully,*
R. W. SILLING.

Have you heard the story of the man who got a feather in his throat and was tickled to death? Here is a case of a man who learned how cheap I sell men's overcoats and was similarly afflicted. This case was not fatal, I am glad to say. A nice dark blue over coat, very dressy, and good weight, $3.19. I have been adding some handsome capes to my former line. Prices guaranteed. P. G.

Assessor Joe Bozzard was in town last Friday and related a recent experience with plug tobacco, which he will give for the benefit of those who are fond of chewing on the fragrant plug. He was biting off a liberal supply one day, when he became aware that some foreign substance was in the way. On investigating, a mouse was discovered in the middle of the plug. *It was well flattened out. The plug* was thrown away, but otherwise his appetite was not affected.

In November, Paris Hammond, second son of Jesse Hammond, of Williams River, killed three large bears in about three seconds, with three shots of a thirty-eight Winchester. He came on them in the woods, one she bear and two large male bears. This was very remarkable as male and female bears are not found together, as a rule, after August. Hammond shot the old *she and then the other two before* they could get away. The three bears lay dead within three rods of each other.

The case of Paul Golden vs D. W. Sharp was ended November 25, but the court took time to consider it, and the judgment was entered last Thursday, resulting in a judgment of $19.44 in favor of Sharp, the defendant. The costs were about $100. The amount held by Golden against Sharp consisted of an open account, two notes of D. W. Sharp, a note of D. W. Sharp and Amanda Sharp, and a protest note under the D. W. Sharp name. The defense plead payment as to the two individual notes of Sharp, objected to the filing of the joint and several note of D. W. Sharp and Amanda Sharp, in suit against D. W. Sharp alone, and set off the balance of the account by an account of hauling from the depot. The jurors allowed the plaintiff his open account, the protested note, and the two notes in which payment had been pleaded. He refused to allow Sharp two loads of goods which were charged in his account, and the result forced up as above stated. As between the two parties there is no question but that Sharp owed Golden, but that Sharp could make use of the rules of procedure to his gain the Legislature is responsible. This is a notable English case of a prisoner spending his life in a debtor's prison, or becoming he son left a legacy of a thousand pounds, and this sum is something like it.

Hillsboro Academy 3; Buckeye 0.

The Hillsboro Academy and the Buckeye Athetic Club's football teams met in an exciting match on *last Saturday, and the Academy* won by a score of 2—0. The day was very muggy and the ground muddy, and altho the players were soon wet and covered with mud, they played with great snap and dash. The large crowd on the sidelines could not be kept *off the field* and so interfered with the players, at times. A number of ladies witnessed the game, and their presence, no doubt, helped to animate the home team to those great feats of valor which were being constantly displayed.

Both teams started off with a rush, and there was much good individual play, and especially hard running and kicking by all, which resulted in bursting the ball, but the team work of either side was scarcely up to the average. Buckeye was balked in their one try for goal by the umpire awarding a free kick to Hillsboro just before the *ball was shot through. (An unfortunate* ruling, as the foul was accidental.)

In the second half the Academy forced the playing. Paul Smith and J. Bird working well together in the forward line, and it was owing mainly to their exertions that two very neat goals were scored from the field. Buckeye was deprived of a goal by the quick work of the goal keeper, Gladwell. The persistent bucking of Jackson and Williams afforded amusement to the populace. Some of the players on both sides were prone to use their hands in warding, contrecy to rule, and getting hands in *the way of the ball, which interfered* with the progress of the game to some extent. On the whole, the game was a very pleasant and exhilerating incident.

Professor Morris, of the Academy, was once a member of the Marietta (Ohio) College team, and he believes football is good for schoolboys,—and he is right. The Academy has material for a good team.

BUCKEYE.—G. D. McNeil (Captain), Harper Adkison, G. Jackson, Charley Young, J. Pennell (forwards.) C. Armstrong, Geo. Duncan, George Kellison, (half backs.) Lete Young, D. T. Mc. Neil, (full backs.) Winters Mc. Neill (goal.)

HILLSBORO.—J. H. Bird, Paul Smith, Charley Eskridge, Marion Burr, Lee Ruckman (forwards.) Burley Williams, Yancey Ligon, H. Hannah (half backs.) Frank Gladwell, Snoden Hogsett, (Captain) (fullbacks.) Seymour Gladwell (goal.

Norman R. Price, Umpire.
J. W. Yeager, Referee.

John Buckley, Professor J. W. Baxter, Linesmen.

A Challenge.

"Did not know it was loaded" is an old excuse for accidents with fire arms. The foot ball team of Buckeye found on last Saturday that this was no "joke."

The principal of the school at Hillsboro 'phoned to the teacher at Buckeye: "Do not bring any men that will hurt our school boys, as we are responsible to their parents for their safe delivery home"—or language to that effect.

The foot ball team of Buckeye acknowledges defeat by 2 to 0.

It was its first match game and *regrets that it was the first match* game ever witnessed by a majority of the spectators.

It notes that there are certain courtesies due a vanquished team that have not been extended.

It guarantees a fair and square game without any interference from outside parties in the return game, and the kindest fellow feeling toward the members of the *Hillsboro team individually.* B.

A Thoro'bred Tuckahoe.

A strange looking object was brought to Warrenton recently in the form of a bull, about the size of a shepherd dog. It came from North Carolina, and had horns that showed that it was three or four years old. It could be barbecued and put in a dish that would hold an ordinary shoat.—Rockingham Register.

Wanted

A good agent for Pocahontas County to sell the celebrated Powell Fertilizers, and prepared chemicals for making fertilizers at home. The Powell Fertilizers are recommended by the leading farm journals. *For full particulars address,* J. CALVIN STARKS, General Agent, Pettsburg, Nicholas Co., W. Va.

Notice to Trespassers.

The undersigned hereby notifies all persons not to trespass upon her lands by hunting, fishing, leading horses down, cutting to block or in any other manner. All persons transgressing the above will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. SUSAN MCLAUGHLIN.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency to weak pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and heated so as to the chest over the seat of the pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This easily overcomes a cold in a few hours and is the most prompt cure in the world.

"MIDDLE MOUNTAIN MOCK-TURTLE SOUP."

The "Snow-balls" have (or ought to have done) turned to "Soup"—*thick and sticky—this week,—so* I wish you a very good health, Mister Editor!

† †

Viscount Obadiah Miles has gone a-rat-catching. He says that with a wire-trap and a terrier dog that knows his business he can extirpate the vipers from Linwood Castle.

† †

Old Man Lawson has a pet mud-turtle, which got froze, stiff as a board, last week; but after a night in the trough, Mr Snapper returned to life again, and now luxuriates under the stove! He says a snapping-turtle is the only thing that can get frozen solid and be thawed out again! Truly wonderful.

† †

We hope that football will soon be revived in this section. It is a noble game, which helps to stiffen the manhood of the people,—a thing which constant rounds of "stove-warming" and "preaching" will never succeed in accomplishing.

‡ ‡

A "horny-handed son of toil" gave a dinner party on "Guy Fawkes' Day" (November 5th), at which several select brands of tinned soup put in an appearance. Unfortunately the labels had got lost in the boiling, and the guests did not know if they were eating "mock-turtle soup" or "chicken-gum-boots!" We are glad to state that no one was poisoned, and all *we can say is that the "Consomme* Soup" was, at any rate "consumed soup,"—all O. K.—at the end of the festival! Moral; Do n't mix the soups!

‡ ‡

All delinquencies and inexplicable catastrophes in a household are booked to the harmless cat's account. In reality the cat is the most harmless animal, though a bit of a thief if he gets a chance! The writer has a cat which can wind fish at a great distance, and *it is interesting to watch his cun*ning schemes to reach the mantelshelf, where the fish has been placed far beyond his reach. Good Old "Dixie"!

‡ ‡

Clark Sharp (the "Boss Lumberman" *of this section*) has been log-hauling at the Wilson Place, Split Rock. This is a man who does genuine good work, and will stand no meanness in a man or beast! Good luck to him! "When I 'm at a job I like to get through with it," quoth Clark, and sometimes he pulls out with his team at 3 a. m. to do it!

‡ ‡

Noah Wood has an umbrella as big as the record mushroom in the newspaper "silly season"!

† †

We notice that a Farmers' Institute was held at Beverly, Randolph County, on November 25th and 26th. We hope the meeting proved beneficial in enunciating doctrines likely to benefit the *farmers in this section.* Who was it said: "Organize! Organize! Organize!" We would alter the words and preach Roads! Roads! Roads!! as our sermon. The very first means of improving a county is to have good roads through it. Then *one can go ahead with the trans*ports. Therefore we would sing, "macadamize! macadamize!!" and yet again "macadamize!!!" However, we might as well talk to a stone wall, as expect anything to be done in this "old, old story!" We must wait till the "millenium" comes before the roads are improved! All other counties are far ahead with their roads.

† †

"Follow up the licks!" is good advice for success in life. Life is like a game of football. If you want to keep the ball a-rolling at your feet you've got to "Follow up! Follow up! Follow up!" (as the chorus of *an English public-school* song runs.) "Little strokes fell big oaks" as every back - woodsman knows!

† †

Sam Wood ain't "Boss of the Shanty." The goat is!

† †

The Brothers Mace are the Corbett and Sullivan here. They can *knock each other out of a tea-kett*ling (under the Marquis of Cameron rules) quicker than thought, and end up with a rock-to-rock fight. A "Belasleys melee" ain't "in it!"

† †

Dickens, the great novelist, said that what farmers need to cultivate most is the "soil" which composers his "brains," and which is surrounded by the "ring fence" of his own skull! Mind will always conquer matter, and good beat bad — if the fight is only fair!

† †

"The grey mare is the better horse" is an old saying. You and how many men owe their success to the wonderful care of mother, wife, or sister! Yet some of them seem ready to "give honour where honour is due."

† †

We offer hour of "rock ribbed Democracy! They certainly need to be built that way, if they propose to travel on the Mingo roads! Come and see for yourselves!

† †

In the days of my youth, I was *taught, when renting a farm, to* ask these two important questions at the start: (1) How near is the farm to the railroad? (2) How near is the farm to a lime-kiln? Upon these two vital points would hang the issue of your farming skill. *Well! none of us, hereabouts,* are near a lime-kiln, and we are still farther from the railroad. Still, as compensation, we have good kind neighbors, who are a great boon and blessing. It is a great consideration to have a farm next to Captain and Pyatt Marshall: they are "clever" and most obliging. They are ever ready to assist with a pint of milk to a rich man of straw! *Farmers should coopera*te, and help one another more. "Union is strength!"

† †

Sheep-farming is relegated to the past. We are going in for milk-white goats in this section!

† †

Farmers! "Intensify! Intensify!" Intensive farming will pay better *than extensive farming. Clean up* your land, thoroughly, as you go along, and the old place will look twice as well. Extend your operations "slowly and surely."

‡ ‡

"Do n't swear, but shoot!" was Roosevelt's command to his gallant "Rough Riders." "Do 'nt jaw, but work!" should be the watchword of all West Virginians. Plenty of work for all, if they will only do it!"

‡ ‡

Boys! quit that "fool-talk"! Get on with a hustle, if you want to be men before your mothers!

‡ ‡

Look out for a "Surprise Packet" at Christmas!

"SOUP-LADLE."

FROST.

E. H. Moors, traveling salesman, passed through town last week.

R. F. Sharp was to the depot for Hannah and Harper last week.

Ernest Moore passed through town Saturday with a drove of cattle.

George and Meade Curry are slowly recovering from a severe attack of fever.

The telephone runs both day and night, being the source of a great deal of amusement to the people.

Paul Dever, of Highland County, lost a fine horse caused by slipping on the ice, while visiting his sister, Mrs Sherman Gibson.

The Frost school, taught by Miss Myrtie Herold, is progressing nicely. The Cove Hill school, taught by W. B. Sharp, is in a flourishing condition, with an enrollment of 30 pupils.

The Cove Hill Debating Society is now under good control and in a *flourishing condition,* with W. B. Sharp as President and A. L. Reed Secretary. The question discussed last Thursday night was: Resolved *that Washington deserves more* credit for defending America than Columbus for discovering it. To affirm—W. B. Sharp, D. Hively L. Reed, Upton Sharp. To deny—T. M. McCarty, E. S. Moore, A. Reed, Willie Grimes. The subject was was ably discussed, and that oratory is improving in this part no one will doubt. The decision of the judges was unanimously for the affirmative, May the good work go on. BAD BOY.

DILLEYS MILL.

It rained and snowed and froze all at the same time last week.

Miss Hattie Moore has gone to *attend the school at Academy.*

Hevener Dilley started to school last week.

J. L. Carpenter & Co. killed a very large catamount last week.

E. S. Grimes is teaching the Mt Tabor school and is getting along nicely.

The Mt Zion school, under the management of E. B. Moore, is *progressing finely.*

Christmas is fast approaching, and it is about time to look out for a nice present.

Amos McCarty and Frank Hogsett are off to the lumber camps in Tucker County.

It's a weary rabbit that succeeds in hiding in his hole with his hide whole, these days.

O. E. Moore, of Academy, spent a short time visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity some days ago.

The debating society, which was organized some time ago at Mt Zion school house, is growing to be very interesting.

The man who has been hunting hogs by moon light had better keep an eye open, as there is danger a head.

Mrs Davis Grimes had fifteen of her finest turkeys stolen in daylight. I surmise some one is looking forward to a happy Xmas.

If those few lines escape the guard's gun, I will come again, soon. SILK JAKE.

Grand Entertainment.

The two missionary societies of Marlinton will give an entertainment at Marlinton, Tuesday, December 27, at 7:30 P. M. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

COMMITTEE.

MILL POINT.

They sang a song at Hillsboro,
Which made the boys sigh,
When the football players
Came down from Buckeye.

When the game was opened,
They all began to run,
But when the game was ended
Hillsboro stood two to none.

Interest in football playing seems to be reviving since the war closed.

Laugh; do n't giggle, but you do n't have to be boisterous. A true laugh can not be counterfeited

*The protracted meeting at Mar*vin still continues, and the revival is the greatest that has been held there for a number of years.

My sakes! Such weather as this is enough to give one the blues, but as Ben Johnson says: "Laugh, *laugh and be fat.*" A *good laugh,* for the time at least, makes life seem better worth the living.

The snow storm in this vicinity is causing much inconvenience. L. Ruckman, who is attending school at Academy, failed to face it Monday. Also John Hamrick and Jacob Simmons who started to McClintic's camp, concluded that it was too stormy and went back home.

If you want to eat yellow-legged chickens, have cream in your coffee and gold in your pockets, you should follow the pursuit in life you were born to follow. Some will say: "I do n't know what pursuit I was born to follow. The science of Astrology can reveal unto you your proper calling, besides other important matters. The Astrologer *at Mill Point has already cast seven* full Horoscopes and has on file five more orders. "He knows how to act was knows what he wants." *King Solomon said: "To every*thing there is a season and a time for every purpose!

ASTROLOGER.

HULING.—Tucker County.

Business is not running on a large scale at this time.

A big oyster supper was given on Thanksgiving day at the Bap*tist Church.*

Floyd Props, conductor on the log-train, was badly injured by letting one of the spike-skids fall on his leg.

S. L. Weese, a lumberman, is under Dr Owen's hands with a sore foot. He gets $7.50 a week on his accident policy.

The mill at Huling, owned by the Otter Creek Boom & Lumber Company, is shut down, but will start up next week.

Three lumber camps are running on Green Mountain and another is about to be built. This is a rough country to work in, but lots of boys are glad to get the chance.

A farmer of this neighborhood was looking for his hogs in the mountain and says that he saw a black bear with a white stripe along the back from head to tail. JOHN GOHUNTING.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there *is nothing equal to Chamberlain's* Cough Remedy.

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Market Report,
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—Butter 12½ per pound.
—Lard 7c lb.
—Pork 5c per lb.
—Furs at Highest Market Prices
—Hogs live 3c, Cows 1½ to 2½ Heifers 2 to 3½, Bull 2½ to 3, Steers 2½ to 3c, Lambs 3½ to 4c.
—Poultry. Turkeys, undrawn, 8 to 9c, chickens undrawn 6 to 7, Ducks 7 to 8. Geese 5 to 7c.

—AT PAYNE BROS.

—Furniture at Payne Bros.
—Sweet Potatoes at Payne Bros.
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—Professor Crawford met with his class for a sing, Tuesday evening.
—S. J. Payne will leave with a car load of cattle, hogs and sheep, for Baltimore market next week.
—Send your orders in Payne Bros. for Fresh Oysters, and all kinds of X mas goods.
—Mrs J. W. S. Morrison, of Labelle, died November 18, She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss.
—The last ball season of Academy and Buckeye met last Saturday, and Academy lost the Buckeye boys on the shoal, by a score of 2 to 0.
—You'll fail to call and examine and get prices on our Xmas goods, we have a variety of nice and useful goods for Payne Bros. at 25 to 50 per cent.
—A. B. Thompson, of Beaverdale, Cambria County, Pa., was in town on business last Monday. He informs us that he has sold his farm and will move to the west. Mr Thompson was a resident of this county for many years.
—Oranges, Lemons, Dates and Nuts at Payne Bros.
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THE COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT convenes on the first Tuesday in April, third Tuesday in June, and first Tuesday in October.

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Senatorial Vacancies.

The Gazette says that Judge John Brannon, of Weston, being asked if had noticed the discussion of the question of the effect of the acceptance of military commissions by the two Senators elected at the election prior to the last from districts in the eastern Panhandle of this State, and now claim to be members of the State Senate, stated that he had noticed the comments of the newspapers on the subject, and quite frequently statements by them of the precise question involved, and this had occasioned him to make some examination, and that he had made some notes and references on the subject, which upon request he gave as follows:

"The third sixth section of Article 6 of our State constitution provides: 'No person holding a lucrative office under this State, the United States, or foreign government . . . shall be eligible to a seat in the legislature.' The words 'eligible' and 'seat' are both employed. Both words being employed, we can see plainly the word 'eligible' would certainly apply to a candidate who might or not be eligible, but it must be observed that the word seat is also employed. If indeed the question under the quoted language of our constitution should be a question of construction, it would be a strange construction of the provisions of our State constitution that in the instance of the election of an eligible person, that such person could accept an office under our State or the United States and and continue to be Senator, and resume his 'seat' as a member of the Senate.

"The constitution of the United States provides that 'No person holding office under the United States shall be a member of (Congress) either house.' This language makes the word 'member' in effect the same as the word 'seat' in our State constitution, and under the federal constitution it has been held the acceptance by a member of Congress of a commission as a volunteer in the army vacates his seat. (Cl. and H. 122, 395, 637.)

"Bouvier defines the term 'eligible' when so employed as relating to the capacity to 'hold' as well as that of being elected to an office. See 15 Indiana 327; 15 Cal. 117; 3 Nev., 566."

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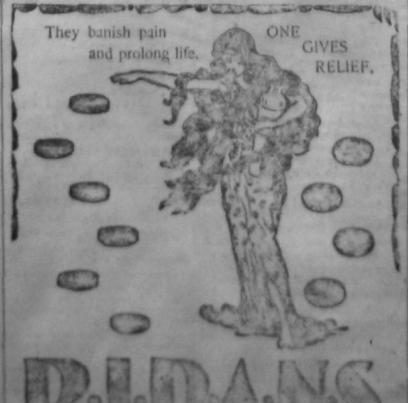

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‡ ‡

The Mingo—Elk mail-boy has a pretty fund of humour. On wild days he may be seen "plodding his weary way," astride a chunky roan nag, with a poke-bonnet around his head, and a horse blanket hanging over his knees; so that one cannot tell whether it is Old Granny Griffin or Poor Aunt Sally coming along! "Go it, ye cripples!"

‡ ‡

A little fun must relieve the monotony of the roads,—especially for the trusty carriers of Uncle Sam's mail-bags We knew one traveler who was wont to sing every song he knew (and he knew fifty or more!) to "keep off the blues," till he got hoarse and then whistle for the balance of his journey!

† †

"Full steam ahead!" seems to be the German Emperor's war-cry. I fancy the "Kaiser" would please, the American people, for he certainly possesses the faculty of "getting on with a hustle," which seems to be developed in his majesty to a remarkable degree.

‡ ‡

Dr George Bryan can sing songs which would make a cat laugh! "Well done Dock! Shake!"

‡ ‡

"Cut the cackle, and come to the 'cosses!" is an English sportsman's expression, which, when Americanized would run: "Quit that fool talk and get plumb down to business!" Yes, that's right! Talk 's cheap but money buys the land!

† †

The owner of the "one and only wagon" on Dry Branch is making a small fortune by letting out the concern. What with "sick" horses and no wagons, the Dry Brancher's cannot "get on with a ten-cent push!"

† †

Don't be churlish! "Freely ye have received, *so freely give,*" would be a good Biblical phrase for some people to "put in their pipes and smoke."

‡ ‡

The crowd (and the schoolhouse was packed to overflowing!) got plenty of fun for their money at Mingo Concert on Dec. 2nd. Some of the "boys" say they would have given a dollar, willingly, for the "show." Hurrah! It will be the "ingle-nook crack" for many a long winter's night!

‡ ‡

There are some mighty nice, "clever" folk on Ware Ridge, and some good-looking, open-faced "boys" among them.

‡ ‡

Mr Cecil Tuke has laid in a nice supply of bacon. We hope that he and his better half will enjoy many a good meal off it.

† †

Dr Cameron is a jolly good chap. He is just every bit as kind-hearted as he is big and burly. Forsooth, a most obliging man!

† †

"Colts in barley patch kick high!" Corn-fed Republicans do the same!

† †

Colonel Green is among us. He is settling up his son's affairs. The son was, verily, a "chip of the old block," as the saying is. Those acquainted with the bereaved father's son know that means very high praise. Col. Green has our fullest sympathy.

† †

The spring of a "buck" is very strong, (it will knock a man over!) but this was not the case with the the spring of a "buck-board" (it knocked four people down,—flop!) which collapsed on Mingo hill recently. Moral: Ride a mule every if you have to run three miles to catch up your horse!

† †

The professor sight about here is to see the old moon gradually popping his hoary head as he rises of at night, over the Cheat Mountain pine trees.

† †

Professor Wise can twang his banjo to perfection. Bravo, Prof!

† †

Mrs. Claud Louke has been on the "sick-list" for a long time. She and her husband have our sincerest heart-felt sympathy. May she soon rally and become convalescent!

† †

The Duke of Wellington said: "If you clothe an English soldier well, and feed him well, he will go anywhere and fight anybody; but, if you don't clothe a Spaniard well and don't feed him well, he will do the same!" This great general had a vast experience in war-fare with all nations so his word bears great weight. All the more honour, praise, and glory to the American soldier who forced the stern Spaniard out of Cuba.

† †

Mr Brady is rained! He had to pay two cents for a concert program! That "busted" him.

† †

"Hard work hurts nobody!" That's correct! It is the talking that hurts. It gives one that "tired feeling!" Hope these paragraphs won't put you to sleep at all events!

† †

James Holden has a nobler work to perform than to "clip cupons" all day long; but he can clip men's hair and shear a sheep's fleece with the best of 'em.

‡ ‡

Carey Montague has been here on land business. He is a hard-headed, shrewd fellow of the ball-fellow-well met type. We wish him all manner of good-luck, for he fully deserves it.

† †

Some mules get a "kick and a bucket of water for their midday *meal; some get a kick without the* water.

"Nelly Bly hab a voice like a turtle dove,
I hears it in de meadow and I hears it de grove;
Nelly Bly hab a heart warm as a cup of tea,
And bigger dan de sweet-potato way down in Tennessee."

That's the tune one of our boys is singing! Listen for the query "pop!"

† †

Luther Sharp has shipped a drove of two thousand turkeys. A befuddled, grog-nosed, bleary-eyed traveler saw them go through Mingo *after supper.*

† †

"Cheer up, Sam! don't let your spirits go down!" That good old negro melody, "I want yer, ma bon ey yes I do!" has brought you more customers for "Patent Gum Honey," at ten cents a pound, than all the advertising in the world.

† †

No store (we mean rotten!) eggs were thrown at the comic singers at the Mingo concert.

† †

"An honest man's the noblest work of God!" Away with meanness! A "slick" man has a slippery path!

† †

It snows, it thaws, it sleets, it shines, it freezes, it rains, it drizzles, it snows again, and the "boys" don't know whether to put on their cutters, artics, snow-shoes, galoshes, light shoes, pumps, slippers, gum-boots, felts or go with bare (not bear) feet. Pause (not paws) to take breath!

"AWBL RIGHT."

The President's message breathes forth a spirit of thankfulness that the war is ended and no harm done.

The spy who went into Spain, and now writes to the magazines about it is simply a treacherous character.

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LEAVES FROM MY NOTEBOOK.

Catching Cold.—The Elocutionist.—The Telephone Talker.

By S. A.

About this time most people are engaged in catching cold. At least all of those who neglected it during the wet weather last August. Some of us were so thoughtful as to lay in enough then that with care we think can be made to last us all winter. But it is very easy to catch one, and only when we do have a cold is the study of medicine displayed in all it's beauty to us poor mortals.

You have a cold, that acts like it meant to switch off into pneumonia, or something, and you send for the doctor, who comes and inquires into the symptoms but does not seem to think much of your case, until you inform him that you have not been able to make yourself heard over the telephone *for more than five miles for three* weeks, on account of hoarseness. Then he looks grave, weighs out a few packages of quinine and a pint of capsules, and departs. After he is gone, not feeling any better, and as there is nobody looking, you decide to take some of that medicine, altho no such idea had entered your head when the doctor left. So you swallow one of the capsules, and try to send some of the quinine down your throat. But just as you have sent that capsule empty away, and it is gone forever you realize your mistake, for nothing can induce that stubborn powder to follow. It clings to your teeth, toboggans up and down the roof of your mouth, plays hide and seek between your tongue and jaw teeth, and at last wearied out with your exertions to make it go and hunt up that capsule, you decide to leave it alone, and go to sleep. You do so and wake up in the morning feeling like another lunatic altogether.

But great as the doctor's are in *this part of the world, they can't* compete with the doctors of Philadelphia. Every week we get a newspaper from that town that has the news, and the market reports, and a London letter, but it is not these that interest me so much as two columns entitled Health Department. At the head it requests those seeking benefit from this column to please write out their ailments plainly. Those type-written receive first attention. The idea of a person having to write their bad feelings on a typewriter! Why, a typewriter looks like an ailment itself. Those writing only sign their initials. Last week this letter headed the list. It was written by a young girl. How do I know? Ah I know:

K. C. B. Can anything be done for me? I feel like I had n't a friend in the world. Have a pain in my head all the time. Have no appetite and no color in my cheeks. Please prescribe.

Here 's the answer, given immediately by the doctor. Instead of asking if those were her great-grandmothers initials, or if she wanted any friends, or had ever had any, or what color she wanted in her cheeks, like most doctors would have had to know before stirring a step to prescribe, this doctor rattled off:

K. C. B: "Have treated thousands of cases like yours. Take two grains daily of nux boomarangum; walk or ride a wheel for an hour each day, and take four glasses of milk besides your regular meals. Sleep ten hours out of every twenty-four."

Saved K. C. B! I wonder if she went to all the trouble of writing that letter just to see her initials in print, like so many people do, or if she was really ill, and if she followed the directions. If she took the milk, and how,—all at once or in capsules, and how many capsules it took. But I shall never know, and what is the use of worrying so long as you 're well!

† †

Another thing that always appears about this time of the year, and rages with more or less virulence until spring, is the Literary Society. It seems to be a little late in making its appearance this year, but last year it was with us in it's most malignant form. The Cuban question was at it's height, and discussions and declamations bearing on the subject were received with almost painful eagerness. This year Cuban affairs seem still to be more or less of a question, but the crop of war poetry is a little late, and the declaimers and reciters are being kept back. I wonder why it is that the question to be debated upon is usually given to the men, while the recitations, songs, and declamations are apportioned to the girls, in most all cases.

I remember once I was at an evening entertainment, which consisted mainly of an elocutionary display by a young woman. For a long time she had stood there making various faces at the audience, wriggling and twisting about, and drinking fearful quantities of water. There was a tired - looking man sitting near me, and I asked him, in an interval, why, did he suppose, there were so few men who were elocutionists. He said he did not know, unless it was because the rules restricting lynching were so easily avoided in these days.

But once in the good old days I knew a schoolmaster, was a pupil of his in fact, who was a great elocutionist. He had only one eye, but that did not keep him from being a fine performer on almost any kind of tragic or heroic selection. Every Friday afternoon he would give the school a treat, in the shape of a reading. One snowy winter afternoon he nearly sent the school into convulsions of excitement, simply outdid himself, over a reading. I have forgotten the name of it, but it was about a man who had had a fearful dream, and almost went mad, in fact. It ended with the fearful words: "I shall sleep no mo ah-h!" and when that man rolled out that dreadful threat the school was in a tremendous state. Somebody was tho'ful enough to break a pane of glass, and the cold air rushing in revived us, so we were able to get home without assistance.

I have heard many young ladies read the same on public occasions many times since, but never do I hear it, but the winter afternoon, the half-blind elocutionist, and his *spell bound audience rises before* me. Such an old man of the sea is memory.

† †

He came into the printing-office, put down his sack of groceries, and said: "Howdy!"

The office force responded "how' do," and the conversation seemed to die a natural death.

"*It takes work to run a printer*-shop, do n't it?" he observed, looking around at the various implements of toil scattered about.

The type-setter said "Yes"; and again Time seemed to pause and sharpen his scythe.

I would have said that he had emigrated from the land of sunset and potatoes, but he said no, he knew no Irish. He had lived one half of his life in Randolph county and half in Pocahontas. His appearance brought all the Irish in the youngest printer to the surface, and he inquired: "Which half are you living in now?" but was rewarded with a blank stare.

"I mean where are you living in this half?"

"Pocahontas, just the very"—but the telephone caught his eye, and what he meant to say is a mystery to this day.

"What 's the charge for talking into the next county?" he asked.

All this time the largest type-man had been regarding the stranger as if he ought to recognize him in some manner, at last dawned on him that this was the very man that had him owing him 25 cents for four years, and a daring scheme came into his mind whereby he might collect it.

"Yes," he said, with a winning expression, "that 's the very telephone that is continually having it 's tale cut short by it 's cord being so long and monstrous. Did you want to speak through it?"

"Yes I 'd like to speak to Bill. What 's the charge?"

"Well, the charges are very reasonable. It is worth a dollar just to hear the chickens crow in Beverly when the train comes in, but you can do all the talking in the next county you are able to do for fifty cents."

"Well, I 'll go it."

"Who do you want me to call up?" asked the office man, with his hand on the bell like a first-class medium who could lay his hand on any departed spirit called for at a minute's notice.

"Bill Williams; I guess it will know Bill. He 's got one in his shop."

Bill was gotten without much trouble, and his friend took the receiver in his hand and waited for the word to start.

"Go ahead," said the printer.

"Hello Bill!" he roared, his tobacco-laden breath striking against the transmitter with such force that it rasped.

"Do n't speak quite so loud," said a voice behind the press "They heard you in California that time."

"How are you, Bill? Have you seen any of Pa's folks around there lately?"

"What?"

"Yes, this is Court week over here."

"Yes. Well, if you see any of Pa's folks anyways soon, you can tell them that I have been selling peanuts to the Court, and I 've done very well."

"That 's all. Good-bye, Bill."

He put up the receiver, mopped his brow on his coat-sleeve, then went down into his pocket and fished up the half-dollar and handed it to the printer, but without any apology or wishing it was more. Then he shouldered his sack of groceries, and bidding the office force good-day, took his departure. The type-setter checked down the amount due the telephone corporation, then pocketing his share murmured: "It 's a poor telephone that wont work both ways."

LETTER FROM MANILA.

[To a sister of the late Lieutenant R. B Kerr, from a class-mate.]

Manila, P. I.
September 29, 1898.

MY DEAR MRS NOTTINGHAM: I hasten to answer your letter which I received only yesterday evening regarding the death of your brother Robert D. Kerr, knowing and feeling as I do the great sorrow that has thus come upon you.

Your brother was not merely a class-mate of mine but was one of the nearest and dearest friends I had at the Military Academy, so when on the morning of June 18th he suddenly appeared at the entrance of my tent at Camp Merritt, San Francisco, and said he was going to the Philippines with us, you can imagine how glad I was.

From that day until he died, we were together nearly every minute when not on duty. As you will remember, we left San Francisco on Monday, June 27th, being so fortunate as to sail on the same transport, *the Indiana. Our ten days'* voyage to Honolulu was marred only by the sea - sickness which made the first day or two not from the Golden Gate very miserable for many of us. I remained below nearly three days, during which your brother, more fortunate in this respect than I, came often to see me, always doing those many little acts of kindness which only a true friendship and his large and noble heart could suggest.

The few days at Honolulu passed rapidly and pleasantly for us all, and here, as elsewhere, your brother made many friends. On July 4th we again began our voyage. Nearly everyone on board was well and in good spirits. Your brother, especially, was in good health, and I remember once when I complained of a slight headache which never left me until we were far out on the ocean, he laughingly said I was a poor sailor and that he never enjoyed better health nor possessed a better appetite. On Sunday, July 10th, he did not come to breakfast with the rest of us, so I went to see if he had not overslept himself. I found him awake, but he said he did not feel well enough to get up, and did he care for anything to eat. He complained of a severe headache during the night, and said he would sleep a little longer. About 8 o'clock he dressed and came into me and we talked till dinner was ready.

While on deck he seemed cold and had me move his chair where the sun could reach him. He came to dinner with us but ate only a little soup and then went back to bed again. The next morning he was unconscious when I entered his room, and never once after that did he fully regain consciousness, altho several times he seemed to recognize officers who came to see him, and once or twice he seemed to try to speak. I was with him almost constantly but never once do I believe he recognized me, possibly because I did not wear my uniform it being so warm.

During his illness he was treated by Drs Titus and Brodick and twice *Dr Keefer* came over from the transport Ohio, being present at his death. Hospital Steward Dene spent a great part of his time at the bed-side of your brother and gave him every care and attention possible, not merely from his sense of duty but from the great interest he felt in him.

I believe his whole illness was unaccompanied by any pain. I was with him until within a few minutes of his death which occurred on the 21st of July at ten minutes after nine o'clock in the evening.

He was buried at sea at 9:30 a. m. on July 22d, the ship at noon being in Latitude 20 degrees 48 minutes North and Longitude 150 degrees 56 minutes East. Lieut. Echols, his company commander, read the services. Brigadier General MacArthur made a few very appropriate remarks after which the band played "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The bugler then stepped forward and blew "Taps." The pall-bearers were Lieutenants Stevens and Strittinger of the 23d *Infantry, Lieutenants Chance and* Rudd of the Signal Corps, Lieutenant Whitworth of the 18th Infantry, and myself.

Sorrow not too much for your dear brother. Death comes to us all sooner or later, and I am sure your brother had not the least fear of it. He sometimes spoke to me on that subject even before we left *West Point. All that he did or* desired to do was for those at home, especially his dear mother. On the voyage over he often spoke of "home" which he had not seen for so long a time, and he looked forward with a joy only equaled by his loved ones at home to that return, which was made only stronger and sweeter as the time passed away.

In your sorrow and your grief, let me at least share your heartaches in silence in sincerest sympathy, since I realize nothing can in any way lessen them.

With the deepest sympathy,
Very sincerely,
MONROE C. KERR,
2d Lieutenant 23d Infantry.

Gen. Appleton denies that he is massing his troops to take the State Capitol. We hope his denial is not merely a part of the strategy of war.

The American spirit brought on the war and carried it to its successful conclusion. The President in his message appropriates it for the benefit of the Administration.

The Pocahontas Times.

ANDREW PRICE, - - - EDITOR.

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There 's music in the sighing of a reed;
There 's music in the gushing of a rill;
There 's music in all things, if men had ears;
Their world is but an echo of the spheres! —(Lord Byron.)

THE LEGISLATURE

The latest received from both sides is that any villainy that may be practised can be laid at the door of the other side. There never was so much self-righteousness exhibited in politics before.

The public is relieved to hear that there will not be any troops massed at the State house.

The writer has received most of his information as to the villainous intents of either party from the *Intelligencer* and the *Gazette*, both of which are equally reprehensible as partisan newspapers.

We believe that the vote as returned from the several counties is correct, and that any change made by the exercise of the arbitrary power given to the two houses of the legislature will in all probability be wrong; or that it will be so considered by the people at large, and retribution will follow.

We also believe on good authority that there are two vacancies in the Senate, that the Democrats elected thereto, while put there by the voice of the people, may not be legally entitled to fill these vacancies. Taking this view of the situation, we *believe that the legislature* is a tie on joint ballot, with the Monroe County delegate to be determined.

The contest in Monroe County is tied up. People outside of Monroe would like to have seen the election in Monroe County passed upon by the four Judges of the Supreme Court, who are all eminent lawyers, and having the power to distinguish keenly. They could have taken the election documents of Monroe County and passed upon who was elected.

Owing to the manner in which the appeal was taken, the matter is tied up indefinitely. A writ of error and supersedeas was allowed on the order entered by Judge McWhorter, of the Circuit Court. The meaning of the word supersedeas may be defined, *as making of no* effect the decree entered by the lower court. That is, to leave the matter as if the lower court had not entered a decree in the case. Last week the Supreme Court decided by an evenly divided court that the case could not be taken up out of its regular order, and enough business intervenes to prevent a decision until after the legislature will have adjourned. What gives it a bad look is that Logan's attorneys having applied for the appeal met the attorneys of Vis at the bar of the Court of Appeals and maintained that the appeal could not be heard until after the legislature has adjourned, thus endeavoring to make a practical use of the supersedeas, and making the supersedeas the life of the case.

Vis has no notice of contest served on Vis; but Logan has a notice served on Vis. Logan has his certificate of election filed with the Secretary of State, and he is very much in the position of the man who holds four aces. The presumption is that he holds them fair.

Miss Margaret Kenna, a daughter of the late Senator John E. Kenna, has entered as a novice the convent of the Sisters of St Joseph on Long Island. She has quite a reputation as a writer.

If you have any doubt where to invest your money, buy The Biennial Treasurer's Report of West Virginia for one. Kendall's picture is worth half the price.

The Republican managers are exceedingly active serving notices of contests and getting things in shape for the meeting of the legislature.

The present Congress is agitating a reduction in the tariff on lumber, and the West Virginians are properly elevated.

No more dances are to be held under the auspices of the State University in the gymnasium.

The West Virginia Editorial Association meets at Charleston, January 17 and 18.

THE STAMP ACT.

In New York City a great many deeds have been admitted to record without being properly stamped with the documentary stamps required under the revenue act of 1898. The register, corresponding to the clerk of the county court, claimed that he had no right as a State officer to look after the business of the United States, and in this he has been sustained by the appelate court of that State.

Their interpretation of the law is the same made under the revenue law of 1861 and no doubt pertains to West Virginia as well as New York.

The law of 1898 provides that no transfer of certain property can take place by deed without affixing certain stamps, and that deeds lacking such stamps cannot be read in evidence. The court holds that Congress has not the power to provide for a State a rule for the *transfer of property, or make rules* of evidence for State courts.

For instance, if land had been conveyed in West Virginia by an unstamped deed, the transfer of the land would be complete, and the maker of such deed would be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to punishment by a fine of $100 by a Federal Court, but it would cause no defect in the title.

But if the deed without a stamp was set up in a Federal Court it would not be admitted in evidence. This may bring the Federal courts more business. It seems that the tendency to conflict between the Federal and State laws is increasing, and on every occasion the Federal authorities score a victory. Centralization is gradually being effected, and the Federal Courts will finally be of greater importance to us than the State courts.

THE HAGERSTOWN ALMANAC.

The good old Hagerstown Almanac is now presenting its familiar appearance in the show cases of the country stores, looking exactly like it did twenty years ago. The potwalloper walks up and cheerfully invests ten cents to carry one home, when he would not accept a similar one advertising some special line as a gracious gift. The style of printing, the illustrations, the size and color of paper have not changed. The apples on an old tree have changed in general appearance more than the Hagerstown Almanac. It is truly one of Eugene Field's old relics. "that please the soul, tho they may vex the eye."

We have spoken to a good many on the subject and they all have a warm recollection of the Hagerstown Almanac as being the companion of their childhood. How they regarded the "big multiplication table" on the back with due respect and awe. They were deeply interested in the farm pictures indicating the work of each month, and were horrified at the sight of the man representing the signs of the zodiac, who gives some information about his inside facts.

This year we were surprised and pleased to see in large letters on the title page that the calculations and forecasts had been made by our old friend L. J. Heatwol, of Dale Enterprise, Va. Born and raised at the foot of a huge moraine, known as Mole Hill, he became at an early age an observer of natural phenomena. The wind and the weather had peculiar charms for him. He has developed into an eminent astronomer. His can forecast storms by the conjunctions of the heavenly bodies, and has become a wizard second to none.

Ex-Senators Getzendanner and Peirson, the gentlemen who resigned commissions in the army, and thereby vacated their seats in the Senate, have resigned their lucrative offices in the army in order to take their seats again. It is needless to say that this does not change the status of their case. If they severed their connexion with the State Senate they can not reinstate themselves as Senators again. Maybe the their resignations will not be accepted. It was thought that the political Colonel Bryan could not resign.

Before the round war our population was in round numbers 31,000,000. Now it is in the neighborhood of 70,000,000—the additions being composed of several million assorted negroes, Mexicans and Asiatics with all kinds of half breeds, a few unknowns and a handful of whites. A motley mob, forsooth to gather around Uncle Sam's Christmas board.—Wheeling Register.

TWENTY MILE CREEK.

In fording Twenty Mile Creek in Pocahontas County, a few days ago, Messrs Ed Tunstill, of Weston, and George Murdoing, of New York, drove into a deep hole and both of their horses were drowned Glenville Pathfinder.

This is evidently a newspaper canard. In naming our streams the settlers seemed to have suffered somewhat for poverty of names, but did not sink so low as to call a stream Twenty Mile. Up in the Klondike, where every body is in a hurry, a stream might be named Twenty Mile.

In Pocahontas we have original and euphonious names, such as Stoney Creek, Rock Run, Dry Branch, Stamping Creek, Hill's Creek, Thorney Creek, Deer Creek Laurel Creek, Crooked Fork, Spice Run, etc.

A Colored Minister's Views.

Reverend Francis J. Grimke, of Washington, said in a sermon recently referring to the race riots:

"Nor is there, so far as I can see much ground for hope from an appeal to force. The odds are against us. Even in the South the whites outnumber us; are superior to us in intelligence and in resources. It is also morally certain that if there should be an uprising of the blacks there would not only be a united South, but also a united North to crush it. The whole army and navy, if it were necessary, would be employed to crush a negro uprising.

"This negro question must be settled and it must be settled right and until it is settled right there will be no peace. The white people of the South, and those of the North as well, had just as well understand that the negro is a man and an American citizen. Until his manhood is recognized and all his rights, civil and political, are accorded him, he will never hold his peace, will never cease to cry aloud, to agitate, to make trouble."

MOONSHINERS.

Moonshining must be going out of fashion in West Virginia. Only three stills destroyed during the year.
—West Virginia News.

There was a drummer in Marlinton a few days ago who had an experience with the moonshiners or Logan county. He was driving along a secluded road when he was held up by three men with Winchester rifles. He had seen a deer cross the road a few minutes before, and had thought the men were probably deer-hunting.

They inquired his business and went through his pockets and examined his papers. Finding a number of orders for goods from the Logan merchants, and other evidences that he was what he claimed to be, and not a deputy-marshall, he was allowed to proceed.

The men were moonshiners, and determined not to have their business broken up.

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Card from Mr James D. Kerr.

Editor of The Times.

Dear Sir: I feel it my duty to express my sincere appreciation of the sympathy you and so many others have so tenderly expressed for us in our sad bereavement we are being called on to endure by the loss of our dear son Charley, and only son.

While we feel so gratified by words of sympathy and kindness, those expressions of condolence, high and low, rich and poor, that will be cherished in sight of Rose Hill cemetery. For it bearing rock remains a broken-up heart that can not be expressed and I beg you and all others will pardon us when we refer to the months that have passed, as if we could never cease to grieve. Our son will be ever remembered by us as all that fond parents could wish—always affectionate and dutiful. During the four years at West Point he wrote home every week, and his letters were long and very filial in their character, assuring us of his unchanged affection for his parents and home.

From his letters and other sources we are assured that he trusted in his Redeemer, and was not afraid to die, and so we hope to meet him again on a fairer land than this. So we sorrow, yet not without hope.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES D. KERR.

Mr. Hardin Norris, clerk of the drug store of R. Shoemaker, Perry, Ill., says: "A man came into our store the other day and said, 'I want a bottle of that stuff that saves children's lives.' I read in the News about it. The children may get sick when we cannot get the doctor quick enough." It's the medicine you sell for croup." He alluded to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and bought a bottle before he left the store.

For sale by Barlow & Moore, Edray; Amos Barlow, Hunterville; D. T. McNeil, Buckeye; E. I. Holt, Academy.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q on each tablet.

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Remember the Maine!!

West Virginia Gold Bricks

Information has been received here to the effect that gold has been discovered in paying quantities in Middle Fork Mountains, near Winchester, W. Va. Shafts for mining are being put in and the occasioned by the loss of our dear son Charley, only son.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried, and the public will vote quick as lightning on them and use only the better one.

For sale by Barlow & Moore, Edray; Amos Barlow, Hunterville; D. T. McNeil, Buckeye; E. I. Holt, Academy.

The Hamricks of Webster.

There are a great many Hamricks in Webster County. On the mountain between Leatherwood and Bergoo Creeks is the Hamrick school house built by Nathan Hamrick. The three trustees of the school are Hamricks the present teacher's name is Hamrick and each of the fifteen pupils enrolled answer to the name of Hamrick.—Webster Echo.

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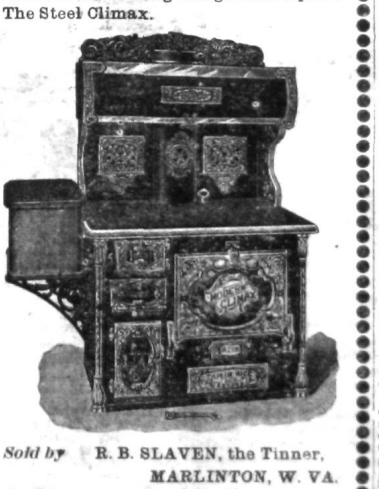

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If so come and see me before you go elsewhere.

My customers will notice that at this time I offer them better goods at a lower price than any where else. There are reasons for so doing. I offer my splendid stock at the lowest prices. I quote some prices:

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CLOTHING made to order at a saving of 25 per cent. from smaller low prices.

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5 GAL. LAMP OIL ... 35c.
A full line of LADIES' CAPES from $2.50 up.

I am ready for Christmas with a full line of fancy goods at low prices.
I will pay highest market prices for your tie.
I want all your Rye Geese. Bring at once.

YOURS FOR LOW PRICES.

SOL. DAVIS.

Commissioner's Notice.

William T. Hogsett's Adm'r.
vs. —In Chancery.
Josiah T. Hogsett, et als.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, rendered in the above styled cause on the 7th day of October, 1898, the undersigned Commissioner will proceed at his office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, on the 24 day of January, 1899, to take, state, and report the following matters of account, to wit:

First: A settlement of the administration accounts of R. W. Hogsett Administrator of William T. Hogsett.

Second: An account showing all of the debts against the estate of the said William T. Hogsett, with their dates, dignities, and priorities.

Third: An account showing what lands William T. Hogsett died seized and possessed of, with their location and quantity.

Fourth: Any other matter deemed pertinent by the Commissioner, or required to be specially stated by any party in interest.

At which time and place all parties in interest may attend.

W. A. BRATTON,
Commissioner.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

To the creditors of William T. Hogsett, deceased:

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Pocahontas, made in a cause therein pending wherein the real estate of the said William T. Hogsett is the property of his debts, you are required to present your claims against the said William T. Hogsett, deceased, to me, as Commissioner of said Court, at my office in the said county, on or before the 24 day of January, 1899.

Witness A. B. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, this 24 day of November, 1898.

A. B. PATTERSON, Clerk.

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Commissioner's Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, rendered on the 7th day of October, 1898, in the cause therein pending wherein Henry T. Gay is plaintiff and Laura H. Wooddell, et als., are defendants, I will proceed to offer for sale at the front door of the court house in the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, on the 24th day of January, 1899, the following described real estate, to wit:

First: A tract of land containing about 200 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of [illegible] and others, and known as the Wooddell farm.

Second: A tract of land containing about 100 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of [illegible] and others, and known as the Wooddell farm.

Third: A tract of land containing about 100 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of [illegible] and others, and known as the Wooddell farm.

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Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Scots,
Frae Maidenkirk to Johnny Groats,
If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rede ye tent it;
A chiel's amang you takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it. — Burns

Local Events.

Dr Lockridge has a phone at his residence.

Miss Emma Warwick is teaching the Driscoll school.

Miss Mollie Smith is visiting friends in Ronceverte.

There has been some very good skating on the creek and river.

John Andrew Clock is building a new cottage near the homestead.

Mrs J. C. Arbogast is visiting her uncle Mrs J. M. Cunningham.

The Frost team which played here last Saturday, average 175lbs. in weight.

Sterling McElwee has been very low with membranous croup, but is now convalescent.

J. H. Bussard and several members of his family have been sick for the past few weeks.

A negro named Jordan Webb was hung in Southampton county, Va., for assault on a white woman.

I. B. Moore has a phone at his residence which is the only one between Driscoll and Frost, at present.

Mrs J. C. Loury, of Huntersville, has been quite ill since her return from Baltimore, but is convalescing.

Last Sunday's West Virginia Herald contains a picture of Miss Virginia Burrows, humorous and dramatic reciter.

Little Mervin Sharp, son of Gilmer Sharp, of Frost is very ill at this time. He is under treatment of Dr J. P. Mooman.

Ward Cleek, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. L. Cleek, has been sick but is relieved of a dangerous attack of hoarseness and sore throat.

Lost: Between my home and Academy, or in Academy, a red-backed day-book. $2.50 reward if left at postoffice at Academy.
R. M. Beard.

The chancery cause of Gay vs. Tark vs. Skeen, which was in the Supreme Court on appeal, has been dismissed for failure to have record printed.

The Supreme Court has issued a writ of mandamus, requiring the County Court of Randolph County to determine the county seat question.

The first train was run over the Huttonsville extension of the West Virginia Central a few days ago. The track is laid to within a mile of Mill Creek.

G. F. Eskle, the defaulting postmaster of Bolar, Virginia, was fined $75. He had used money from the money-order department, but had made good his defalcation.

A large bear, going from Brown Mountain into the Alleghanies, last Monday night, passed near B. F. Fleshman's residence. It was pursued on Tuesday morning, and the result is not yet known.

Major T. P. R. Brown, of Beverly, was in Elkins Friday, looking for the place where "Beverly's lawyers will shortly lie." This is the Major's joke, not ours.—Elkins News.

Information from Peter Dow is to the effect that he is in Canada and is doing well, and hopes to make it all right with his creditors in due time. Mrs Dow has a position in a post office at two dollars a day.

R. M. Beard, of Locust Creek, killed two hogs recently, both thoroughbred and of the same age. One a Berkshire, netted 467lbs. The other, a Poland-China, netted 470 lbs. Mr Beard thinks this scores a point for the Berkshire.

A Mr Cleek, from Hot Springs, took a drove of sheep from Beaver Creek during the late storm. A large sheep got away, and is some where lost among the rocks on Brown's Mountain. It was hamstrung and may perish before it is found.

C. A. Yeager's colored driver was putting on some frills in the way of driving with a sled load of fodder and when crossing a side ditch on Main Street was pitched off and the horses indulged in a run-off around the town, scattering fodder. They were finally stopped by one of the horses falling.

Wilson Courtney, who is employed in Irvine's lumber camp on Wilson's River, cut his ankle and has a very troublesome wound. He is now at his home in Marlinton, Sherman Darnell, from Beaver Creek, and working in the same camp, cut his knee slightly, but inflammation has set in and he is badly disabled at present.

There are a great many things that people put off buying until they have the price to spare. Here reminder to persons on these words to mend the situation. Linens, napkins, table cloths, outside shutter hinges, screen doors. Lane carriage, worth $7 sells for $5. Lane carriage, worth $6 sells for $4. Lane carriage, worth $5 sells for $3. Lane carriage, worth $4 sells for $2. Lane carriage, worth $3 sells for $1. Lane carriage, worth $2 sells for 50 cts. Lane carriage, worth $1 sells for 25 cts. Lane carriage, worth 50 cts sells for 10 cts. Lane carriage, worth 25 cts sells for 5 cts. Lane carriage, worth 10 cts sells for 1 ct. Lane carriage, worth 5 cts sells for 1 ct. Lane carriage, worth 1 ct sells for 1 ct. Lane carriage, worth 1 ct sells for 1 ct. Lane carriage, worth 1 ct

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Com'rs, Co. Ct. { Amos Barlow / C. K. Beard / J. E. Warwick
Surveyor ..... George Baxter
Coroner ..... George P. Moore

BOARD OF HEALTH—Dr J. W. Price, L. M. McClintic, M. J. McNeel, R. W. Hill.

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THE COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT convenes on the first Tuesday in April, third Tuesday in June, and first Tuesday in October.

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His heart was open as the day,
His feelings all were true:—
His hair was some inclined to gray,
He wore it R in a queue.

Whene'er he heard the voice of pain
His breast with pity burned:—
The large round head upon his cane
From ivory was turned.

Kind words he ever had for all;
He knew no base design:
His eyes were dark and rather small
His nose was aquiline.

He lived at peace with all mankind;
In friendship he was true:—
His coat had pocket-holes behind;
His pantaloons were blue.

Unharmed, the sin which earth pollutes,
He passed securely o'er:—
And never wore a pair of boots
For thirty years or more.

But good old Grimes is now at rest
Nor fears misfortune's frown:—
He wore a double breasted vest;
The stripes ran up and down.

He modest merit sought to find,
And pay it its desert:—
He had no malice in his mind,
No ruffles on his shirt.

His neighbors he did not abuse,
Was sociable and gay:—
He wore large buckles on his shoes
And changed them every day.

His knowledge, hid from public gaze,
He did not bring to view,
Nor make a noise town-meeting days,
As many people do.

His worldly goods he never threw
In trust to fortunes chances:—
But lived—as all his brothers do—
In easy circumstances.

Thus undisturbed by anxious cares,
His peaceful moments ran:—
And everybody said he was
A fine old gentleman.

—Albert Gorton Greene.

A DOUBLE COINCIDENCE.

What is called the most remarkable accident on record happened in Kansas City last summer, which is the subject of a damage suit for $15,000 against the city, now on trial. Fred Erickson was wiping the piston rod of one of the engines in the pumping station of the city water works, when his arm was caught in the driving wheel and torn off. A surgeon dressed the wound, and William Henderson, who also helped about the engines, stepped up and said:

"I will show you how it happened."

He started to give a practical illustration of the exact manner in which the accident occurred, when his own hand was caught in exactly the same way and his arm torn off. The two men were carried to the hospital in the same ambulance.

In the traditions of this country the details of a similar set of accidents is preserved. In 1863, in the county of Bath, a man, in order to see whether his gun, a muzzle-loader, was loaded or not, put his foot on the hammer and held it back and blew in the barrel. His foot slipped from the hammer. It fell, the gun was discharged, and he was shot through the head and killed instantly.

A young man was standing by him and saw the whole occurrence. A few days after he attempted to illustrate the manner in which the accident occurred, and was shot and killed in exactly the same way.

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Thackeray's View of the Bible.

In Mrs Ritchie's introduction to the seventh volume of the new edition of Thackeray, containing Henry Esmond, she gives the following letter, written by her father (Thackeray) to his children:

"And the misfortune of dogmatic belief is that, the first principle granted, that the book called the Bible is written under the direct dictation of God; for instance, that the Catholic church is under the direct dictation of God, and solely communicates with Him; that Quashimaboo is the direct appointed priest of God, and so forth—pain, cruelty, persecution, separation of dear relatives follow as a matter of course.

"What person possessing the secret of Divine truth by which she or he is assured of heaven, and which idea she or he worships as *if it was God, but must pass nights* of tears and days of grief and lamentation if persons truly dear can not be got to see the necessary truth? Smith's truth being *established in Smith's mind as the* Divine one, persecution follows as a matter of course—martyrs have roasted all over Europe, all over God's world, upon this dogma. To *my mind Scripture only means a* writing, and Bible means a book.

"It contains Divine truths and the history of a Divine character; but imperfect, but not containing *a thousandth part of Him; and it* would be an untruth before God were I to hide my feelings from my *dearest children; as it would be a* sin if, having other opinions, and believing literally in the Mosaic writings, in the six days' cosmogony, in the serpent and apple and *consequent damnation of the hu*man race, I should hide them, and not to make those I love best adopt opinions of such immense importance to them. And so God bless *my darlings and teach us the truth.* Every one of us in every fact, book and circumstance of life sees a different meaning and moral, and so it must be with religion. But we *can all love each other and say* 'Our Father'."—Literary Digest.

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First: A settlement of the administration accounts of R. W. Hill administrator of William T. Hogsett.

Second: An account showing all the debts against the estate of said William T. Hogsett, with their dates, dignities, and priorities.

Third: An account showing all the lands William T. Hogsett was seized and possessed of, with their location and quantity.

Fourth: Any other matter deemed pertinent by the Commissioner, or required to be specially stated by any party in interest.

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W. A. BRATTON,
Commissioner.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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County Sketches.

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THE SCANDAL MONGER.

It has been often remarked that country newspapers print news-notes of, apparently, unimportant events. In chronicaling the uprisings and down-sittings of country citizens, no doubt a good many items of too little importance creep into the paper, but many weeks, if the editor waited for something great to happen, his paper would not appear. The city dailies make capital out of these items, sometimes by copying detached ones verbatim: "James K. Jones, Esq., is having his house painted." This is given as a sample of the make-up of a rural paper; and in another column of the daily there will be an article of five hundred words about a boy stealing a banana from a push cart man.

But there is another class of "locals" which we have thought necessary to discuss. It is those that seem most trivial on their face, but meaning to have a veiled reference to something that is so disagreeable or something under the rose, which could not be printed in all its particulars.

The local is full of significance to the informed, and is very popular with correspondents. It looks innocent, but the blue line is constantly drawn through the local that contains a covert sneer meant to hurt the feelings of some one whose mishap it is to be the talk of a neighborhood. It is a safe method of annoyance, for the victim can not well resent it.

There is a constant skirmish between the correspondent and the editor, and very frequently an item is printed to which there hangs a tale. But to illustrate the meaning of this somewhat complex statement, take the following unimportant "brief mention":

"There was a rabbit stew at the Snyder Hotel last Tuesday evening."

It was one of the items in the Gunderville newsletter, and apparently not calculated to give offense, yet a viler libel was never promulgated. The widowed landlady of the Snyder Hotel bust into tears when she saw it. She wailed out over and over again that the editor would never have dared to have done it if her poor, dear, dead husband was alive. Finally, the star boarder, a contractor, who was building a bridge in the neighborhood, rose to the occasion and swore that the good name of the Snyder Hotel should not be tarnished. He grabbed a stick and went to the county-seat to beat the editor, but remained to get drunk with him. He comforted the landlady on his return with the ambiguous expression that he had "sewed up that editor-man," by which she inferred that he must have been pretty badly hurt.

The truth of the whole business can be briefly narrated. The Reverend Nicholas Miller had been recently called to the Gunderville Church, and he boarded with the Widow Snyder. He may have found his leisure hours dull, being fresh from the courting circles of the theological seminary, or he may have had sporting instincts imperfectly developed or imperfectly suppressed, but anyway, he took to the harmless sport of setting traps for rabbits.

He made long boxes of weather-stained boards, arranged the sliding doors with the set triggers, annointed the trap with the juice of the onion in approved style, baited and set the traps and worked at trapping most assiduously.

He would set the traps in the likely places, in the briar patches, where the rabbits had the only thoroughfares, or by the brush-heap which held so many possible nests. Then in the crisp, frosty morning he would visit his traps to see what luck the night had brought him.

He had been very unlucky however, and he had trapped a week without taking a single rabbit. Sunday morning he threw all his traps and quenched a powerful sermon on Sunday from the text: "The snare of the devil, and they who are taken captive at his will."

A couple of men who were husking corn came by about sun-down Saturday, and seeing one of the traps said it was a pity it was sprung and that they would set it for the parson. Monday the parson discovered a rabbit in the trap. He was duly shocked, of course, but saying something about it being the captive of his bow and spear, decided to leave it, and Tuesday morning brought the trap and rabbit to the hotel, where he exhibited the game proudly.

The trap was carried to the wood-shed, and it was decided that the rabbit should be served that evening for supper. A little negro boy, Tom, was sent to dress it, and he was accompanied by the widow's ten year old boy Robert. Supper time came and the young preacher found the rabbit done to a turn and placed as an extra dish near his place. He had made the acquaintance of two guests in the hotel office, a wealthy Jew and a drummer. He did the honors with the game, and the Jew and drummer each received a haunch and ate it with a relish.

Martha, the little three-year old daughter of Mrs Snyder, came in and was placed in her high chair. She made immediate demand of her friend Mr Miller for a piece of her "little blat tat." Then she cried and said "Wobert had ticked her." Robert was sent away from the table in disgrace, and the little girl, having received a bit of the game, was happy again. She was soon babbling away with some story: "Ve ol' wabbit wunned away 'n' Wobert 'n' Tom tut off ve head of ve 'ittle blat tat!"

"That's it," exclaimed a quiet gentlemen, in spectacles, sitting near the foot of the table. "I have been thinking for sometime that the dish of game showed unmistakable signs of being composed of the genus felida; certainly not the genus lepus." It was the village doctor who spoke. He had a passion for the study of anatomy, and was also a devoted naturalist. "In short, gentlemen, little Martha is no doubt right in calling the game her little black cat. Those nasty boys have been up to some of their tricks again."

"A house cat! Mein fadder Abraham! I sue for tamages! I sue for tamages!" said the frenzied Jew.

"Tell Tom to come here!" said the landlady. Tom and Robert were found hid in the barn, and were brought in by the back of the neck. They told about the rabbit slipping away from them and how, to cover up their crime, they had sacrificed a young cat. The young preacher looked injured, the landlady was in tears, and the cook was scouring her frying pan to cleanse it from the unclean animal. All were calm, however, compared to the Jew, who was very sick from his instinctive horror of unblessed meats. Turning to the other victim, his friend, the drummer, he asked:

"Vhat you going to abound it?"

"Why," said that personage airily, "I think I'll try another piece if I don't impose on Brother Miller's hospitality. It was pretty good, don't you know."

Thereupon the supper party broke up.

"There was a house warming at Abraham Bilgewater's last saturday."

This insidious news item crept into a most worthy paper, whose editor lay awake of nights devising how he could keep from offending anybody.

The Bilgewaters had moved into their new double log house on Friday, and on Saturday Mrs Bilgewater announced the fact, saying the fains knowed, if they knowed anything, that she would n't be' moved on Friday, if she had thought about it bein' Friday. Evidently she thought that it should not be charged up against her having done it unbeknowned like.

It was quite a very big job, that moving out of the little one room cabin home into the big spacious two roomed house, with a sheltered drive-way between the two rooms. So when they had put the last stone on the chimney, the Bilgewaters up and moved their tricks before they thought. The editor thought that nothing would be more natural than that the Bilgewaters, leaders in society and church affairs of the Hickory Hollow neighborhood, should have a house-warming to celebrate their taking possession of their spacious residence.

Imagine his surprise then when Brother Bilgewater settled up promptly, and refused to let the paper be sent to his address any longer, a proceeding that crippled the newspaper interests in his county materially. The editor seeing that Brother Bilgewater, while apparently calm on the surface, was a seething, molten mass of eighteen volcano power beneath, complied with his very reasonable request, and then cast around to see how he had lost such a valuable subscriber and unearthed a pretty kettle of fish.

On Saturday, Abraham had sent his little boy Cleveland to mill with a grist of corn. After waiting around the mill until he was very tired for his turn, the miller ground the grain and put it on the horse for him. On his way home, he came to a level stretch of road. Here he put a little enthusiasm into his old gray mare with a hickory switch and he trotted along. Now he did not care to trot the old mare especially for while he was carried along swiftly, the severe jolting he got altogether overput the advantages of rapid transit, but with a boy's peculiar propensity he did what he "had n't ought to," (expression borrowed from a prominent citizen), and jolted along. He was horrified to find, about the time the old mare got in full swing, that he was losing a part of his grist, and by the time that he got the old mare stopped, there was a long wavering train of meal along the road bed, and he had only a half a grist remaining. He saved it by tying the bag securely, and got it back in the saddle after a good deal of trouble, and rode home indulging in some bitter reflections.

Abraham was a little, dried up sort of a man, indulgent as a father, and who was ruled generally by his wife's importunities. But way back in the dim ages he must have had a fighting ancestor, who gave him the streak that was developed that day. When Cleveland got home, his father immediately accused him of trotting the old mare, and worked himself into a frightful passion and proceeded to brush Cleveland harder than Mrs Bilgewater thought necessary, and one thing led to another until Abraham was very much surprised to find he had knocked his better half down. Then Nancy and Sally, his grown up young daughters, come to cry, and Abraham taking his switch proceeded to give them the last genteel whipping they were destined to receive in this world. Mrs Abraham, seeing her lord and master cruely abusing his grown up daughters, proceeded to the attack again, and was receiving a good share of the blows, when John, the oldest son, considered it about time to go in and sit on the old man, and he attempted to do it. He was undertaking too much and he landed over in the corner, from which place he surveyed the scene. Abraham was on the hearth grasping his switch and breathing hard.

"John," he said, "will you bring in a back log?"

"Yes, pa."

"Nancy, you and Sally, go and do your milkin'!"

"Yes, pa."

"Miriam," to Mrs Bilgewater, "You git supper."

"Yes, pa."

"Cleveland, I guess we'll have to water the horses, won't we, ole fellar."

"Yes, pa."

And harmony was once more restored in the Bilgewater family.

In close sowing the next day Brother Bilgewater, in giving in his religious experience, was moved to remark that he had never enjoyed the comforts of religion like he had the week before.

"WHY BILLY AYERS SWORE OFF FOOTBALL."

In 1894, an amusing paragraph in the columns of your excellent paper, told the reason "Why Whiskers Never Married"! "Whiskers," let me remind the veteran readers of "The Times," was the nick-name given to Mr Morgan, one of the kaleidescope mail-boys" on the Elk-Mingo route. Old "Whiskers" (and did n't the wind just whistle through his hairy appendages!) was a bit of a "character," and certainly had to 'skin out' for Warm Springs, after stealing a donkey, with the Sheriff hot on his tracks. The gist of the reason for "Whiskers" remains in a state of "single blessedness will bear repetition.

"Mr Morgan," asked a lady who was fascinated by the old man, "I suppose you have had sweet-hearts by the score?"

"Well, no mum!" replied Whiskered Willy, "never had but one gal in my time."

"Were you engaged to marry her?"

"Yes, kinder that way."

"How did it occur you did not marry her?"

"You see it was this way. One nite when we was sparkin' we got ter talkin' about which on us would git up mornin's to make the fire. She, Mary, (that was her name) sed it was my place, bekos I was the man of the house, but I sed it was bern, 'cos she was the missis! Well, we fooled and bollered and nuther of us would give in; then says I 'Let us both be in one watch.'"

"What did you mean by 'one watch,' Mr Morgan?"

"Both on us turn out together! But Mary would n't have it that way, so then we split."

"You mean you broke off the engagement?"

"Yes, mum; that 's what you land-lubbers calls it; but we sailor-men call it splittin' up."

"Do you think, Mr Morgan, she had many heart-aches for that separation?"

"Hart-akes! mum! Nary ake! Her hart was as hard as a shipmate's of mine, John Bloctie, who had five wives. In '61 we were bombardin' Fort Sumpter, when a solid shot hit him in the brest rite where the hart outen bin, and went all to smithereens; we gathered the pieces up: there was more than would fill a bushel measure, and none bigger than a bin's egg."

"Oh! my sakes alive! Was n't that dreadful to think of how that poor man was mangled to pieces!"

"Not the man, mum, but the cannon-ball!"—and Whiskers jobbed his mule in the mouth, and splashed on his dismal way.

This looks like an advertisement and folk will wonder where Billy Ayers is coming in. Right here! When the solid football hit Bill in the breast, right where the heart is, it did not go all to smithereens, but the spectators had to gather up the pieces of that boy Billy! But let him tell the story in his own picturesque fashion.

"Did I ever play football? Yes, sah! I give the old thing three mighty good kicks; but I 'sweore off since. It was just this way. Those Gibson boys—they kick harder than any mule—by golly! Yes, got up a "practice" on Elk, and, as I was sparkin' in that section and giving the road a few licks, they asked me to join in. Says they: 'You go whole back.' I suppose that was because I had been saying 'haw' back to the road team, when ploughing dirt.

"It warn't two minutes afore they had me on my own back. Geewhiz! I gets up and feels my ribs all over—they 're all right,—and just then my fugicular bone went 'crack'; so I rubbed it up and down, and limped around, saying 'Billy! this won't do!' The boys saw I was 'hart-in-nuther,' so yell out: 'You all go in goal!' So I tightens my belt and stands between the posts. Jerusalem artichokes! here the leather pumpkin comes again! I gave it a good whack with me fist. 'Once you 's seen that time, Mister Ball!' thinks I to myself. Then, by thunder! all them Gibsons and Varners came scooting down in one grand apoplexy, and all got on top of me, so I keeled over and thought I was a 'goner.' I saw more stars that minute than I ever seed in the sky all my life. Charlie Showalter says 'Guess we 'll have to cook you for supper!' 'No you do n't!' says I, 'where there 's life there 's hope!' and I limped off and buried my head in a water-butt!

"No, sah! I 've swore off football. I 'd rather split wood for my board than play football for a living. I 'd rather be a coward all my life than a corpse for five minutes! If you do n't believe it just ask Susannah! She saw the whole 'show' from kick-off till they played Old Keefocoalum over my body!

"Say, mister, just stick a pin into my right thigh, and see if it aint corroded off! I 'll work my fingers to the bone, and sit and chop sausage-meat all night sooner than kick a football twenty-five yards! That 's so. Say, mister, just throw a chunk of wood in that there stove. It makes me shiver all over to think of them dreadful football days!" A. L.

NOTES FROM A DINGLE DELL WINDOW.

How cheery it is to meet with a true hunter once in a while, and have a jolly yarn with him. Mere good fellowship links real sportsmen together than all the Free-Mason Lodges in the World! Hunting associations form a bond of union, which never dies or grows cold. What a bright, ruddy, pleasant face has Jim Shreve, of Lee Bell,—redolent of the forest pine-trees and the haunts of bear and deer.

† †

"Pon my soul! dey acshuly seem to genooine enjy!" was Mournful Moffit's remark, when he saw folk giggling and chaffing at the Mingo telephone call office. He then proceeded to boil his coffee in an old tomato can, before continuing his tramp!

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"People would rather laugh than cry." That is as true as preaching! If it is n't "just ask Susannah!" Nevertheless:

'Some folks like to sigh,
Some folks like to die!
Some folks pet and scold,
They 'll soon be dead and cold!
Some folks get grey hairs,
Brooding o'er their cares!
Some folks toil and save,
To buy themselves a grave!
Some folks do, some folks do;
But that 's not for me nor you!'

‡ ‡

It is good to feel the warm rays of the Old Sun strike one square between the shoulder-blades, and refresh the back with its genial sunbeams, although it may be cold where the snow lies underfoot. Such is the weather we have lately had.

‡ ‡

Uncle Johannes Caplinger has built himself a cellar, and is now at liberty to take his walks abroad. He left home at "sun-up," walked to Sam Wood's store by mid-day, and then started home, with three yards of stove-pipe in one hand, and a square rood of leather in the other; but the objects of interest and conversation the return journey were so numerous and entertaining that it was "full moon" before home, sweet home," was reached! He is our Head-Gardener, and can make grapes grow on thistles!

‡ ‡

John Marshall has got the smile now,—all the white now!—since the great chemical discovery has been made that the coal at the Point Mountain Colliery is of superior grade to the Van Devanter brand!

‡ ‡

Josephus Miller is a great explorer. He will, probably, discover the North Pole one of these days! He has already prospected several coal-mines in this district, but keeps the secret of their exact location locked tight in the inmost recesses of his heart! "Oh it, do!"

‡ ‡

The excavations of the "Ruins of Pompeii" can not hold a candle to those in operation at "Dudleys." We are going to "bury an old mule" deep!

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I am the happy possessor of a jovial Uncle, who was a good-natured as it is possible for anyone to be. Like a true Rooney Hall, this jolly Englishman has a hearty appetite, as meals must be, to support his splendid physique. It is on record that he once tried to see how long he could fast. After a big breakfast he started the experiment; but it was too much for him, and he broke down at luncheon time, when he polished off several pounds of roast beef, a dozen plum-puddings, and a demijohn of ale! He tries to tell the tale, which no one relishes more than he does himself! No, sir! we would n't swap that Uncle for the whole of the United States, with the Philippine Islands thrown in.

† †

I have noticed that it is often the same thing with talking as with eating. A man may keep silent in company for a short time and even "keep off the grass" as far as scandal and gossip is concerned, but he soon breaks down and shows the cloven foot by an overwhelming torrent of blather skite and fool-talk about other people's affairs,—which shows him up as a "hass." One longs to escape to a cave, (far from the busy haunts of men), take an emetic, or get drunk, to escape being bored to death in such instances. Do n't forget, boys, that there are other people in this world besides you—and they are every bit as good as you—and often better!

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We have some bright, go-about up-to-date Americans hereabouts but they are mostly "bacon-fed"—not "corn-fed!" A gentleman, who looked as if he was "beef-fed," rode along, one afternoon, with Captain Marshall. His countenance was as ruddy as a sunset on Cheat Mountain, and his body as corpulent as a city Alderman's after a turtle feast. It was refreshing to see his radiant face!

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Clay Tolley is head nagsman and horse-breaker in this section. He does good work by the mobi quadrupeds (riding fiery, unbroke mules!)

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"The Cook | was in | the kit che
A-mak | ing bread | —a heap! |
The King | was in | the bill | pa
A-coun | ting of | his sheep! |
The Knave | sat snugly | in his di
A-reck | 'ning cents | to keep!"
—*Nursery Rhyme Revised.*

† †

The Reverend Haweis, an eminent English divine, was once asked "if a man who played the organ could be a Christian"? He replied that he did not know, but he was sure that the man who lived next door could not be a Christian.

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At Election Time we read denarging remarks of Senator Davis, the millionaire, riding around on election business, on a horse which seemed to be the height of absurdity! We think the writer of that piece was "the absurdity" and that the Senator showed a very good sense. "No boy, who has cut his "wisdom-teeth," would ever dream of riding a fine "Kentucky bred horse," (with "long odds" attached) shoving it up for life), on the vile, hilly roads, when he could possibly get astride a mule, which is much more adapted to the country. This is proof that a Senator (even if he is a "millionaire") is "no Red," and knows what is best.

—Ann. Warren.

The Northern Methodists Conference have adopted equal representation by a vote of 3 to 1. Ayes to 867 noes. We

The German emperor has two hundred Lutheran pastors accompany him on his visit to the holy places in Palestine.

According to Jewish Year Book there are about eleven million Jews in the world, half of them still in the Russian dominions.

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